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SUMMARY OF SAMPLE-COLLECTION AND SAMPLE-PROCESSING PROCEDURES FOR SPECIFIC ANALYTES

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Collection methods, equipment needs, and preservation requirements for specific analytes can change over time, owing to advancements in knowledge and technology. Any major changes to sample collection and processing procedures will be announced on the USGS Office of Water Quality Web site (http://water.usgs.gov/lookup/get?owq/) or as a technical memorandum (http://water.usgs.gov/lookup/get?techmemo/). Consult NWQL or the District water-quality specialist for instructions related to the collection, processing, or analysis of solid materials, gases, biota, and any other analytes not described in this manual. Chemical formulas used in this section are spelled out in "Conversion Factors, Selected Terms, Abbreviations, and Chemical Formulas."